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In compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, *et seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified Application. Applicant respectfully requests that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the references listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to MPEP §609, Applicant further requests that the Examiner initial next to each reference on the Form 1449 to indicate that the listed references have been considered. Applicant further requests that a copy of the initialed Form 1449 be returned with the next official communication.

Further pursuant to MPEP §609, because all of the references listed on the attached Form 1449 have been previously submitted and made of record in the parent application, U.S. Patent Application 09/741,525, filed December 19, 2000, copies of the references previously made of record in the parent application are not submitted herewith. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i), as this application was filed after June 30, 2003, Applicant has not included copies of U.S. Patents or U.S. Patent Applications. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this application, please contact the undersigned at (612) 312-2208.

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